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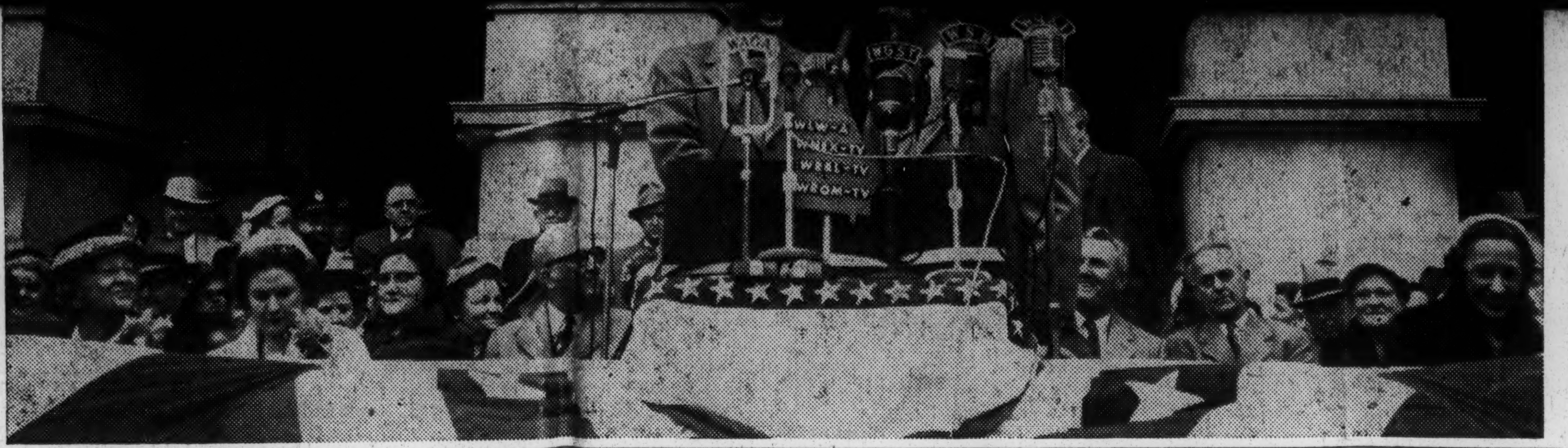

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Herman Eugene Talmadge is a private citizen now after over six years service as Georgia's governor. At the age of 41, he lives on his farm at Lovejoy in Henry County with his wife Betty and their sons, Gene and Bobby. He maintains law offices in Atlanta at 1422 William-Oliver Building. Before relinquishing the Great Seal of the State of Georgia and joining the ranks of former governors Talmadge delivered a "farewell" address to a huge crowd gathered on the Capitol grounds to witness the inaugural ceremonies of his successor.

The outgoing governor briefly reviewed accomplishments of his administration and told of the expanded public services that were effected under his leadership. He reviewed the unparalleled progress that came to all segments of the State's economy as a result. It was a bright picture he painted and what he said about the fiscal condition of the State was particularly noteworthy. On that point, he said:

"When I assumed office the accumulated surplus in the State Treasury was 4½ Million dollars. Today the surplus stands at 11½ Million dollars. This shows an increase in the surplus on hand of 7 Million dollars. At the same time we are leaving a record of having built three-quarters of a BILLION dollars in permanent improvements such as new schools, college buildings, highways, hospitals, institutional facilities and the like."

The full text of Governor Talmadge's address follows:

GOVERNOR GRIFFIN, LIEUT. GOVERNOR VANDIVER, SPEAKER MOATE, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND FELLOW CITIZENS OF GEORGIA:

It was on a bleak mid-November day a little more than six years ago that we met here to join hands and prayerfully to accept the unknown challenges of the future.

The unbounding confidence and abiding faith which we held then in Georgia's proper high destiny has been justified completely.

We can say this in view of the solid record of growth which has taken place over the intervening years.

We have witnessed fulfillment of unparalleled progress far exceeding our most ambitious hopes and dreams.

This advancement is a source of inspiration and real pride to every Georgian.

So, too, is the financial record.

An examination of the ledger shows that during the last six years your State government has lived within its income.

All current obligations are paid in full.

There is no direct bonded indebtedness of any kind.

And let me make this fact crystal clear:

Surplus Cited

When I assumed office the accumulated surplus in the State Treasury was four and one-half MILLION dollars.

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Stimulated by this long-needed development, our State now stands as a leader in widely-varied fields of government, business, farm and industrial activity.

Georgia is furnishing more than fifty per cent of her total State budget for education and is bearing nearly 80 per cent of the responsibility for school operations. Our over-all educational effort, percentage-wise and based upon available resources, is unmatched

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Vandiver Installed As Georgia's Third Lieutenant-Governor

When Ernest Vandiver, of Lavonia, was sworn in recently as lieutenant governor he became the third Georgian to hold that office in Georgia. His predecessors: Former acting Gov. M. E. Thompson and Gov. Marvin Griffin.

Vandiver, who formerly served as Georgia's adjutant general, delivered a brief inaugural address, touching on such subjects as industrial growth, Communism, state and national defense and segregation. Referring to the U. S. Supreme Court's recent decision on school segregation, the new lieutenant governor declared:

"We cannot and will not discard our public school system without first exhausting every possibility. Any method by which we can maintain our public school system and still retain segregated schools will have my unstinting support. . . . Be assured that this administration will do whatever is necessary to maintain segregation and still furnish the best education possible for both white and colored, within our financial capabilities."

Following is the full text of Mr. Vandiver's address:

Governor Griffin, Former Governor Talmadge, Distinguished members of the General Assembly, Distinguished State House Officers and my fellow Georgians:

In compliance with Article V, Paragraph VII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1945, I have the high honor of being the third Georgian to whom the oath of the office of Lieutenant Governor has been administered.

It was my sincere hope that the distinguished father of my wife, Judge Robert L. Russell of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals could have been present to administer the oath of office to me. For his judgment, wisdom and sincere interest I shall ever be grateful. Unfortunately, because of illness he could not be present. In his absence I asked my long-time friend and former law partner, Joseph D. Quillian, Judge of the Court of Appeals to administer the oath.

Georgia, today, is sorely beset by the dilemma of a vigorous appetite for ever increasing services on the one hand and a deflated pocketbook unable to pay the price for those services on the other. The problem is not new. It has met every session of the General Assembly which has convened on these hallowed grounds since the very founding of our State Government. This problem is not peculiar to our State, nor is it unusual to our Federal Government. An oversimplified solution to this problem lies in the simple question, "Are you willing to dip down into your pockets a little further and come up with additional tax monies". From conversations with Georgians in every corner of our great State, I would say that their answer would be "Not now".

A few moments ago, there terminated one of the most progressive administrations in the history of our State. That progress was achieved within the limits of our present income, with the exception of the last two years when it became necessary to draw on the surplus in the treasury.

Georgia's progress will not end with the last administration.

Progress Seen

Georgia is on the threshold of a tremendous era of industrial expansion. For the first time in our great history we can see on the horizon the possibility of the achievement of the fine balance between industry and agriculture which is so necessary to economic prosperity. Georgia is on the march and I feel that if the great Henry Grady were present here today he could indeed visualize "A New, New South. We are only beginning to take our rightful place among the states of this Union. We are only temporarily caught on an economic plateau, and we must remain there only until we are able to see over the next fiscal mountain.

A few short months ago the distinguished former chief executive

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The proceedings were broadcast and televised by a statewide network of radio and television stations.

Immediately preceding the inauguration of Governor Griffin, retiring Governor Herman Talmadge performed his last official act in handing the Great Seal of the State of Georgia to Secretary of State Ben W. Fortson for transfer to the new Chief Executive. Immediately following Governor Griffin's inaugural address, Lieutenant Governor Ernest Vandiver received the oath of office from Judge Joseph Quillian of the Court of Appeals.

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ELECTIVE and appointive state officials and their families flanked Governors Griffin and Talmadge and their families on the platform. Former Governor Charley Johns of Florida was among the visiting dignitaries. Mrs. Eugene ("Miss Mitt") Talmadge was a guest of honor.

House Speaker Marvin Moate of Sparta presided over the joint session of the General Assembly convened for the inauguration. The Rome High School Band and the Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps of Monroe High School provided music before and during the ceremonies.

Following the inauguration, Governor Griffin and his party proceeded to downtown Atlanta to review one of the largest parades in Georgia history. At 5 p.m., Governor and Mrs. Griffin entertained at a reception held at the Executive Mansion and Tuesday night the traditional Inaugural Ball was held at the Biltmore Hotel.

Governor Talmadge, in surrendering the Great Seal, recounted the progress made by Georgia during the six years of his Administration and reported that he was leaving a surplus of $11,414,000 in the state treasury after providing three-quarters of a billion dollars in permanent improvements. He wished Governor Griffin "a successful administration" and called upon Georgians to give him "the same cordial support which you have given me."

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He outlined the objectives of his administration in the fields of education, highways, welfare, health, industrial and agricultural development and governmental affairs. He pledged his administration to "rigid economy" and promised the State under his guidance will "live within our income and resources."

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REITERATING his campaign pledge to maintain Georgia social traditions, Governor Griffin declared:

"I repeat my pledge to the mothers and fathers of Georgia that as long as Marvin Griffin is your Governor there will be no mixing of the races in the classrooms of our schools and colleges in Georgia."

The Inaugural Parade featured 1500 Georgia National Guardsmen with their tanks, planes and guns; 40 bands and 12 historical floats.

Eighteen F-84 Thunderjets of the 116th Fighter Bomber Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard roared overhead while the tanks,

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Talmadge Signed For TV Program

Georgia's retiring governor, Herman Talmadge, announced last week that he has added a new chore to his busy schedule.

In addition to practicing law, editing THE STATESMAN, looking after his farm operation and filling numerous speaking engagements, Mr. Talmadge announced he had signed a year's contract for a weekly TV commentary.

He will have a half hour program on Atlanta's WAGA-TV beginning Monday, January 17, at 7 P. M. He will be free to talk about anything he likes—local, state, national, international affairs plus some politics—but the views expressed are not necessarily the same as those of the station or his sponsor, the Gordy Tire Company.

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State it has been proved that no administration can accomplish anything permanent or constructive for the people without the full help of the members of the General Assembly. Having presided over the Senate for 6 years, I feel that I understand the problems of the Legislative Branch. During my tenure of office as your Governor, it will be a pleasure for me to work personally and harmoniously with the elected representatives in the best interests of our State.

The success of any state administration is dependent upon the unstinted support and active, sincere cooperation of honest, capable and qualified department heads and policy-making officials. They must be willing to work loyally and harmoniously night and day for the broad objectives of the administration and the subsequent betterment of the State.

I have appointed loyal, honest and proficient administrators in the Executive Branch to assist me in the performance of my duties.

A house divided against itself cannot produce maximum effectiveness for the people.

And to those who have already criticized me, even before I begin my service to the State, let me quote a truism of that great Democrat, Thomas Jefferson, who said, and I quote:

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tax money we get back into Georgia. These checks are a vital necessity for our people and amount to more than ½ of the cotton crop each year.

We must do as much as we can toward strengthening these worthwhile programs. I say this in view of the fact that the good accomplished is for the benefit of those who most deserve the assistance provided.

I am aware of the increased span of life which results in more people depending upon old age assistance. This condition has been brought about by wonderful discoveries in science and medicine.

These people have no lobby or organized pressure group to represent them in the Capitol or in the legislative halls. Let me assure you, however, that during the next four years they have a friend in the governor's office, and I am confident, friendly representatives in the General Assembly who will fight their battles for them.

The same is true of those who are receiving care, treatment or training at our state institutions. They have a special place of concern with me.

I will work for improved facilities, more adequate diet and better working and living conditions at these institutions.

Health

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Lockheed Renews Contract With Griffin Plant For Blind Workers, Terrell Says

GRIFFIN, Ga. — Vaughn Terrell, superintendent of Georgia's factories for the blind, said recently the Griffin, Ga., plant for sightless workers had renewed its contract with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at Marietta, Ga., for a 12-month period.

The blind workers attracted world-wide attention in December, 1953, when they successfully won their first contract with the aircraft factory to sort for re-use the small aircraft parts used in manufacture of B-47 jet bombers and the Lockheed C-130 Hercules turbo-prop military transport.

"We are deeply grateful for the opportunity the U. S. Air Force and Lockheed have given blind workers in Georgia to contribute to the defense of the nation," Superintendent Terrell said.

The unique project saves for re-use 60 per cent or more of the miscellaneous small parts — rivets, nuts, bolts, fittings, screws and other hardware — which become "mixed" during the production of military aircraft at the Marietta plant. The remarkable sense of touch of the blind workers enables them to sort the parts rapidly and accurately.

Terrell revealed also the Griffin plant "is working on another similar contract with the U. S. Air Force as a result of the pioneering work done for the Lockheed-Georgia plant."

He said the new agreement will "provide the equivalent of 55,200 man-hours of work for the blind in Georgia during 1955."

The processing the sightless workers at Griffin are doing for the Lockheed-operated government aircraft plant was featured on the float of the Georgia Factories for the Blind in the inaugural parade in Atlanta January 11. A large model of the USAF C-130 Hercules turbo-prop was planned as a part of the exhibit.

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My first words must be to express my appreciation to the people of Georgia for giving me the high honor and the privilege to serve you for the next four years as your Governor.

I want to thank the thousands who are here today, and again, let me express my heartfelt appreciation to so many loyal friends who gave me a full measure of devotion and friendship in the campaign last summer.

We are making history here today. In the preparation of this inaugural program, I departed from precedent and asked the outgoing Governor, the Honorable Herman Talmadge, to address the General Assembly, and this great concourse of Georgians. I did so because it is most unusual for an outgoing Governor and an incoming Governor in Georgia to be on friendly terms. In some instances, Governors have had some inclination not to speak to each other on Inauguration. This is not the case today.

The key words in the success of the outgoing administration were loyalty and cooperation. Under this wise and fruitful policy, manifold benefits have accrued to our State. I seek and I shall look forward to a continuation for the next four years of this same splendid spirit of cooperation which has been manifested during the past six years.

You people of Georgia have vested confidence in me on many occasions for which I am truly grateful, but the high honor you bestow upon me today leaves me with a feeling of humility. The office of Governor carries with it the greatest responsibility that you can place in a public servant. I receive this office at your hands. I am a Jeffersonian Democrat. I believe that a public office is a public trust. I shall guard your interests well, and I shall give you an account of my stewardship at all times. I realize fully the responsibilities which accompany the administration of government to 3 and ½ million Georgians in all walks of life.

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It is in this spirit of reverence and of genuine friendliness that this administration begins its service with a desire to unite all our citizens into a cohesive force which will work for the advancement of our State.

Whatever talents and energies I may possess will be devoted toward making Georgia a better and a happier place in which to live.

I welcome the help, support, guidance, advice and prayers of all citizens in the conduct of the State's affairs.

I shall be glad to see you when you come to the Governor's office. It will be my pleasure to help you with your problems. Of course, if you did not guess wrong last summer, it will be of some little help in the transaction of your affairs.

In a more serious vein, let me assure you that I will administer the affairs of your government in a fair and impartial manner, and I am one who believes in letting bygones be bygones. I call upon those who did not see fit to support me to join me in my endeavors to see Georgia a better State in which to live—to earn a livelihood—and to rear our children.

Faith in Future

I am an optimist by nature. During the past few years we have made phenomenal progress in all fields of activity in our State. I sincerely believe that we have only scratched the surface, so to speak, and we are today on the threshold of unprecedented progress and development in agriculture, business and industry.

We can look forward with confidence and by working together as a determined and united people we can cope successfully with whatever problems may confront us.

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Looming before us presently are three broad challenges; the proper solution of which will require vision, diligence and cooperation.

These challenges are:

1. **To improve the lot of all Georgians.**
2. **To accept responsibilities arising from the unprecedented growth the State is now experiencing.**
3. **To preserve our Georgia way of life.**

Throughout the history of our my service to the State, let me quote a truism of that great Democrat, Thomas Jefferson, who said, and I quote:

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These goals are found in the platform upon which I was nominated, and which was subsequently ratified by the Democratic Party of Georgia.

With the full realization that knowledge is power, and is the key that opens many doors, my administration will strive to improve our common school system and institutions of higher learning. I recognize the seriousness of providing educational benefits to an ever-increasing school population brought about by a steady increase in the population of our State. I assure you that I will provide sufficient funds for the thousands of additional children who each year knock at first-grade doors in our schools.

Your next administration is eager to join hands with educational leaders, parents, teachers and others to insure consummation of an even greater program of education for students in Georgia schools and colleges.

Highways

A State which is coming into its own in agriculture, business, and industry needs an adequate system of roads to tie all these activities together. I have always believed that new highways will pay for themselves and that the cost of construction is only a minor investment. The No. 1 plank in my platform last summer, and a top item on our legislative agenda for this session, will be an act to set up a Rural Roads Authority. The purpose of this program is to bring to our people more of these farm-to-market roads in a shorter space of time than ever before. In my opinion, a great system of farm-to-market roads will do more to increase the farm economy and to stimulate business than any other one thing we can do in that field.

Welfare

While we are furthering the material progress of our State, we will not forget our needy citizens.

Georgia's welfare assistance programs for the aged, blind, dependent children and disabled now aggregate some 62 and ½ million dollars annually. They bring benefits to 150,000 people. Nearly two-thirds of this money comes to us in federal matching grants. The more we put up, the more of our ties, more adequate diet and better working and living conditions at these institutions.

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New Business Welcomed

I shall let the nation know that Georgia has a governmental climate favorable to industry. New industry will increase our material wealth, and thereby increase tax collections to provide more services to our people.

We have everything necessary here in Georgia to attract tourists, manufacturers, or the man who wants to make his living on the land. We need to go further in developing our human, natural and material resources.

From our soil and the sweat of the farmer's brow stem the substances from which cities are made. My administration will work diligently at all times to advance and enrich Georgia's agricultural, dairying, livestock and poultry potential.

Research in the fields of crop improvement, livestock and poultry disease, soil building, and other related fields will be expanded.

We will insist that farm markets be operated for the sole benefit of our farmers.

We will continue to sustain our leadership in forestry and soil conservation.

Propagation of wild life and coordinated presentation of natural tourist attractions will receive my strong support.

Our State parks will be made more serviceable to the people.

Full resources of the State will be available at all times to further such constructive youth training programs as the 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers, Future Homemakers, Safety Patrol and others.

We will maintain our place of proud leadership in the provision of services to our veterans.

Workmen's Compensation

For the working people, legislation will be offered at this session to adjust long-neglected compensation benefits for injury or death to the present day cost of living.

It shall be my purpose, too, to strengthen local governments whenever and wherever possible. Grants to counties for road work and other programs of aid to these vital units of government will be continued uninterrupted.

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I will insist upon all employees of the State government being productive and giving a day's work for a day's pay.

I will make certain that all departments are giving value received to the people for the amount of money they are receiving.

We will live within our income and available resources.

I will make certain that those who do business with the State do so legitimately. There will be no five-percenters, and influence peddlers need not attempt to seek refuge under the dome of your Capitol. The sealed bid is the only protection the taxpayer has, and I shall insist on it at all times.

Freedom vs. Slavery

As time goes by, the cleavage between Communism of the slave world, and Democracy of the free world grows sharper. Communism and Democracy cannot live under the same roof.

Communism is materialistic and atheistic while Democracy is based on the humane teachings of the Christian tradition. Communism cannot exist where people truly believe in the Sermon on the Mount, and the beautiful story of the good Samaritan.

With Communism there is no Christian faith. Where there is no Christian faith, Democracy will perish.

I believe that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

We must work to remain free.

I will cooperate with veterans and other patriotic groups to make sure at all times there is no Communist infiltration in Georgia.

County Unit System

I am proud of my state . . . Our great institutions and our fine people . . . . I am proud of our way of life here in Georgia.

Last summer I spoke throughout the length and breadth of our great State. I promised the people of Georgia I would preserve the County Unit System. I shall keep that promise inviolate.

Segregation

Both the white and colored races have been living in peace and harmony here in Georgia. We want to keep it that way.

We have extended educational opportunity to both races. We embarked on a 200-million dollar school building construction program for white and colored children. An expanded health program has been extended to both races.

On May 17th last year the Supreme Court of the United States issued an unthinkable decision outlawing school segregation. This decision, without law or precedent, threatens the very foundation of our policy of separate but equal school systems in Georgia and in the South. With one stroke, this action on the part of the Court imperils all the progress we have made in race relations over the past 80 years.

On November 2nd the people of Georgia rededicated themselves to the proposition of no mixed schools in Georgia.

We Georgia people, who know the situation first hand, are firm in our conviction that this tyranny must be resisted with every resource at our command.

I repeat my pledge to the mothers and fathers of Georgia that as long as Marvin Griffin is your Governor there will be no mixing of the races in the classrooms of our schools and colleges in Georgia. That promise is insured by the Constitution of Georgia.

That is the oath I have just taken.

That is the oath which will be upheld.

Overall Policy

My Fellow Georgians, we are meeting here today to inaugurate:

. . . . an administration which is loyal to the Democratic Party of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

. . . . an administration which truly believes in states' rights and local self-government.

. . . . an administration which will continue to champion the Southern viewpoint in all forums.

. . . . an administration which is determined to preserve those checks and balances embodied in our State's traditional County Unit System.

. . . . an administration which stands four-square for the maintenance and the preservation of our traditional pattern of segregation in the South.

. . . . AND an administration which will answer unflinchingly the people's needs, and at the same time, preserve a solvent treasury and maintain the credit of the State.

As I undertake these solemn responsibilities for you, I do so with determination that during my term in all my endeavors for you, I pray that God will give me the courage of my convictions—that He will give me the wisdom and the strength to make you the leader you so richly deserve.

I shall keep the Faith.

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Our $220-million-dollar school and college building program leads the region for such facilities and stands near the top in the nation. Georgia ranks second in the country in the amount of funds provided for vocational education. And she leads all states in the number of handicapped citizens restored to productive lives through her vocational rehabilitation program.

The University of Georgia at Athens was selected recently by the Kellogg Foundation as beneficiary of the second grant to be made by it for construction of an adult education center.

Youth Programs

The State has pioneered in creation of vast youth-training centers. The facility for 4-H Clubs at Rock Eagle Park near Eatonton is the largest of its kind in the world. Camp Safety Patrol, established near Cordele in 1950 to train young people in safety, is the only one of its kind anywhere.

Georgia's cooperative hospital and health center building program, totaling 145 separate projects costing approximately $61½ **MILLION** dollars, has been cited as a model of efficiency by national public health authorities. Added to this, the new State hospital, nearing completion in Augusta for use in expanding the scope and capacity of the University Medical School, also will provide care and treatment second to none for our indigent sick.

We are pleased that in the field of human security, afforded through public assistance programs, Georgia has come far up the list during these past six years. She has advanced to second place in the Southeast in the amount of average old-age pension payments and to first place in the Southeast in the number of those receiving these benefits.

In provision of services for her veterans, Georgia is first in the region, according to latest federal reports.

We have made substantial strides in building both arterial highways and farm-to-market routes. Our State now ranks first in the South Atlantic Division of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads in her total mileage of top grade four-lane construction. She stands first in the same division and tenth in the nation in the amount of federal aid highway construction either programmed, approved or underway.

Money Brought Back

While Georgia taxpayers are sending over $700 MILLION dollars a year to Washington—I repeat that—OVER $700 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO WASHINGTON—in all types of federal taxes, we have carried out our policy of getting back as much of this money as possible for our people. As a result of expanded matching programs on the State level, Georgia leads the entire Southeastern region in the total amount of federal grants brought back to this State.

All-out construction of new markets to assist Georgia farmers in selling their crops has placed us in the leadership for these facilities in the Southeast and in the forefront among the agricultural states.

Though comparatively young, Georgia's mighty broiler industry has held first position nationally for several years.

And, we are rapidly becoming the livestock hub of the South. We stand first in the number of hogs slaughtered and second only to Texas in slaughter of beef cattle.

In the state's $750 million dollar forestry industry, we have made amazing progress. We have come from 46th to first in the nation in the number of acres of timberland under organized fire protection. Nor does any other state grow as many pine seedlings for her tree farmers as does Georgia. As a matter of fact, latest figures show we are setting the pace here for the South in both pulpwood and lumber production.

Berth-for-berth this State now owns and operates at Savannah the best- equipped ocean terminal in the South. Her ports stand first in the nation in the rate of increase in the value of exports and first in the Southeast in the volume of both imports and exports.

Industrial Growth

Studies compiled by the Georgia

will be cherished by me as long as I live.

I wish for Governor Marvin Griffin a successful administration and bespeak for him the same cordial support which you have given me as governor.

Looking to the days and years ahead, we do so with a deep and comforting conviction that Almighty God in His gentle mercy will bless us as we work here to build a better State.

Mr. Secretary of State Fortson, I hand you herewith the Great Seal of the State of Georgia for delivery to my successor in office, the Honorable Marvin Griffin.

Johnson To Be In Charge Of 4-H Club Center

Announcement was made this week of the first appointments of personnel to manage the State 4-H Club Center at Rock Eagle Park near Eatonton.

W. A. Sutton, associate director of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Georgia, said Cecil Johnson, south central Georgia district Extension agent, will be in charge of the Center. He assumed his duties Jan. 1. Before being made district agent in July, 1954, Johnson was county agent in Worth county. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and a native of Schley county.

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Reduced Freight On Emergency Hay

Railroads have extended the 50 percent freight reduction for hay purchased through the Georgia emergency hay program.

L. E. Farmer, economist for the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Georgia, said the extension began Dec. 29, 1954, and will continue until Feb. 15, 1955. Farmer pointed out that reduced freight rates were not in effect from Dec. 15 to Dec. 29.

In addition to lower shipping costs, the government reimburses half the freight up to $10 per ton.

Farmer said the emergency hay program has meant about $100,000 to Georgia farmers since it began Oct. 1, 1954. Up to Dec. 23, the railroads had hauled 2,815 tons of hay for 192 applicants, and the government had expended $18,448.54 to help pay the freight. As of the same date, 157 farmers had received 2,445 tons by truck, with the government expending $9,338.86 to help pay shipping costs.

Farmer said the program has resulted in a saving for farmers of about $13 a ton on hay shipped by rail and around $7 a ton on that hauled by truck.

It was pointed out that farmers can buy the hay they need up to Mar. 1 under the emergency program. The program is scheduled to expire on Apr. 1.

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Georgia's rate of increase in business, itself, ranks tenth in the country and her population is growing steadily. The total income of her people now exceeds $4 **BILLION** dollars per year. These impressive gains are further reinforced by the fact that the State's percentage advance in per capita income has climbed in recent years to second position throughout the land.

Ever-mounting statistics from all sides continue to show Georgia is a growing State and that her future holds even brighter promise.

All-Out Cooperation

Whatever success my administration has achieved is the result of sustained cooperation on the part of the people and members of the General Assembly. It has come through help of representatives of the press, the radio, the television, business, civic, farm, labor, veterans, fraternal and other groups. And a large share of the credit goes to the department heads, your elective and appointive officials and employees of the State, who have worked tirelessly and unselfishly with me in your service.

Let me say to the people of Georgia that I am humble and grateful for the honor and trust you have reposed in me.

Your kindness and friendship extended in such generous measure

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Construction work is still in progress at the Center, and E. R. Sims is warden for the prison laborers building the Center. Sims replaced Ed Clements Jan. 1.

When completed, the Center will accommodate more than 1,200 persons. Facilities will include 72 cottages, four educational buildings, four demonstration building, an air conditioned auditorium seating 1,200 persons, adequate dining halls, chapel, and a health center.

Johnson and his family will move to the Center within the next few weeks. Fitch's family is already there.

Johnson will continue his duties as south central Georgia district agent until a replacement is named, Sutton stated.

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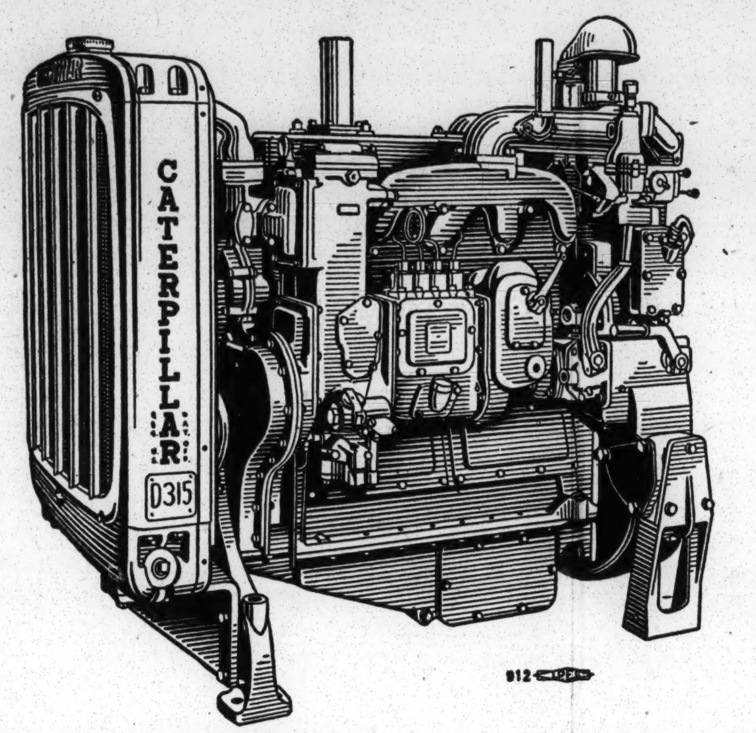

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called on all the department heads to decrease their budgets by six per cent. The order caused hardly a ripple in the overall progress of his great administration. Should that order go out again in larger measure, we can by a tightening of our budgetary belts overcome this or any immediate crisis which might develop.

Tens of thousands of our citizens have been displaced from the farms by the technological agricultural revolution of the last few decades. They constitute a tremendous labor market, men and women who can be trained to take their place in this age of industrial expansion. With this expansion comes a larger industrial base and, as the night follows the day, a larger tax base.

We should use this and every other available forum to issue a cordial invitation to "Come to the New South". On the other hand, we would heartily condemn any industry whose sole purpose in coming to our State is for exploitation of our labor and our resources. We offer them a competitive tax structure, a climate unequalled anywhere on the face of the earth, tremendous resources close to their source and a chance to make a fair profit on their investment in our State.

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case, it will be met by a wave of anger and fury, the like of which has not been evident here since the days of secession. Such an emergency will necessitate calm heads and an intelligent plan of action to prevent ugly repercussions. Always we must remember that we have a government of law and not by mob.

Be assured that this administration will do whatever is necessary to maintain segregation and still furnish the best education possible for both white and colored, within our financial capabilities.

Godless Communism

Americans and Georgians are today living in an uncertain world. The menace of Communism and the Godless men in the Kremlin haunt the minds of all thinking Americans. There is ample evidence that it is their intention and desire to conquer all mankind and bring him under their complete domination. They have the weapons, they have the means of delivering them to any part of our Nation, and they control the timetable, since America will never be an aggressor.

On the other side of the ledger, we have this to be grateful for today. America is strong. We have the weapons. We have the means of delivering them to any part of the globe, but above all, America is composed of God-Loving people who have the moral stamina and the will to resist tyranny in any part of the world.

An integral and important part of that America lies within the borders of this great State of Georgia. The people with whom I have had the opportunity of working during the past years are Georgians imbued with the same brand of patriotism that made this Country great. Putting in endless hours of uncompensated effort in the shoring up of our State and National defenses, they are indeed deserving of especial commendation. I would like to pay them that tribute here today and urge that they continue the selfless work to which they have been so dedicated.

To the National Guardsman, the Civil Defense Worker, to the Reservist and to the Regular we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude.

Was there ever a time in the history of all mankind when the future was certain? Was there ever a time when it was not necessary to utilize our God-given intellects to survive in this world? I think not—and I am thankful that we still have men and women in this State and Nation who are willing to make the sacrifices for survival.

Thanks People

In conclusion, let me say that I am deeply appreciative of the high honor accorded me by the people of the Empire State of the South.

It is my daily prayer to the Great God above that He will make me to know that I am but an instrument of the will of the people, that I am but an humble public servant whose responsibility is, "To perpetuate the principles of free government, insure justice to all, preserve peace, promote the interest and happiness of the citizen, and transmit to posterity the enjoyment of liberty."

Earnestly do we, your public servants, solicit the prayers and support of all Georgians, to the end that we might give to you an honest, progressive and worthy administration.

Near Half Billion Dollars GI Loans Made To Ga. Vets

Georgia's World War II and Korean veterans have made 71,378 GI Loans in the last 10 years at a total value of $488,337,956, according to Pete Wheeler, director of the State Department of Veterans Service.

The near half-billion dollars have been in the form of home, business, and farm loans, with defaults numbering only 1,259, or $2,759,878, he said.

Citing Veterans Administration figures, Wheeler pointed out that percentage-wise defaults in Georgia amounted to only 1.76 per cent, which he said "compares favorably with the rest of the nation." Practically all of these are recoverable by the Federal Government.

Currently Georgia veterans are averaging some one-half million dollars in GI Loans daily, he said.

Wheeler invited interested persons to come by the nearest branch office of the State Department of Veterans Service for advice and assistance.

Deep Wells For Irrigation Risky In Piedmont Area

In most cases it is too risky to dig deep wells for irrigation in Georgia's Piedmont area.

That's the opinion of Willis Huston, Agricultural Extension Service irrigation specialist of the University of Georgia. "A four- to six-inch well 400 to 500 feet deep may bring in only 25 to 75 gallons of water per minute," Huston said, "and that isn't enough to be of much value in irrigation."

With a well flowing 50 gallons per minute, it takes 10 hours to put an inch of water on an acre of land.

Huston admitted that some wells in the Piedmont section are bringing in enough water for irrigation, but he said that the geological formation of the soil is such that one well may do all right and another a few feet away won't produce a satisfactory supply.

"With wells costing $4 to $6 per foot for drilling, " Huston explained, "it isn't worth the risk."

In the Coastal Plain section drilled wells are producing good results, he stated. Six-inch wells in that section get up to 350 gallons per minute. Numerous wells are being drilled for irrigation of tobacco and truck crops, and they provide a satisfactory source of water.

In the Piedmont, Huston suggested that farmers interested in irrigation consider lakes and ponds.

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We are in the unhappy quandry of having built up in Georgia during the past seven decades a splendid public school system which now faces the stark possibility of abolition in view of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, May 17th last.

We are in the very middle of the greatest school building program in the history of Georgia. This program was begun, based on what we thought was the law and still believe should be the law of the land—the separate but equal doctrine. This radical departure from precedent by our Nation's highest tribunal was certainly not one of our choosing, however, unless we want to again secede from the Union, we must find some method of living and maintaining our traditions within the framework of that decision.

We cannot and will not discard our public school system without first exhausting every possibility. Any method by which we can maintain our public school system and still retain segregated schools will have my unstinting support. However, if the Federal Courts close down our public schools we must seek some alternative, and that alternative could well be abolishing our public schools, and replacing them with a system of private education. We await the final ruling of the Supreme Court with some hope that it will have the good sense not to precipitously overturn by judicial fiat the thinking and traditions of centuries here in the South. But, if such not be the

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